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FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1799

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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USINT BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY SANA

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SUBJ: REACTION TO ANTI-BOYCOTT ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION-  
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1. QATARI PRESS COVERAGE LIMITED TO ONE PARAGRAPH REUTERS DISPATCH NOTING THAT LEGISLATION WAS UNDER DISCUSSION IN CONGRESS; NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL REACTION, AND IT NOT IN NATURE OF GOQ TO REACT OFFICIALLY ON SUCH MATTERS. EMBASSY HAS NOT BROACHED SUBJECT WITH GOQ. NO POINT IN HIGHLIGHTING CONTENTIOUS ISSUE.

3. ACTUAL PASSAGE OF HIRC AMENDMENT OR ANY SUCH LEGISLATION WILL BE CONSIDERED AS ZIONIST-INSPIRED ANTI-ARAB ACTION WITH POTENTIALLY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON US-QATAR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. STEVENSON BILL MAY SEEM LESS ONEROUS TO FEW SOPHISTICATED QATARIS BUT GENERAL AUDIENCE NOT LIKELY TO DRAW DISTINCTION. SIMILARLY, GENERAL AUDIENCE NOT LIKELY TO DRAW DISTINCTION BETWEEN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE ROLES IN COURSE OF LEGISLATION, SINCE US GOVERNMENT GENERALLY VIEWED AS MONOLITHIC HERE.

4. WE SHARE VIEW EXPRESSED BY EMBASSIES KUWAIT AND ABU DHABI THAT ADMINISTRATION OPPOSITION TO HIRC AND STEVENSON LEGISLATION SHOULD BE CONTINUED BECAUSE OF POTENTIALLY DAMAGING EFFECT ON BOTH US COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH ARAB STATES. HOWEVER, IF LEGISLATION ENACTED, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ADMINISTRATION WILL GET CREDIT IN TERMS OF MITIGATED ARAB GOVERNMENT REACTION. ARABS WILL REACT TO ACTUALITY OF US ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. WHO STRUCK JOHN IN PROCESS WILL BE LARGELY IRRELEVANT. PAGANELLI

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